

The People.

FROM NAPLES Lady H— writes—
 "I shall be much obliged if you will send me a Colour-card. I sent to England lately for some small tins of your Electric Green and Coral Pink Enamel for the outside, and some White Enamel for the inside of some old bathtubs, and I am so delighted with the results that I wish to order some more. Is the Enamel sold in gallons also? or as I wish some bed-room furniture enamelled in white and ivory and other colours."

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The first prosecutions in Dublin under the Margarine Act took place on Thursday in the Northern Divisional Police Court, before Mr. O'Donel. Three provision dealers were fined £10 each for selling margarine as butter, and the magistrate intimated that in all future cases he should impose the full penalty.

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THE CAREER OF A SCOUNDREL.

Elopement and Betrayal.
A Daughter Lost and Found.

On Saturday we received the particulars of the operations of a scoundrel, who, in the disguise of a clergyman, has been in the habit, in recent years of spreading ruin and misery through many a respectable household. This man, against whom we are to warn the public, is of good birth and pretends to be a clerk in holy orders. He is a fellow of one of the colleges, but since the termination of his collegiate career has lived the life of an adventurer. Up to 1885 he was not brought prominently before the notice of those whose duty it is to legally investigate such matters. It is a fact, however, that from time to time complaints were made to various solicitors with regard to the nefarious schemes of this individual, but owing to the fact that there was a difficulty in tracing him no legal proceedings were taken. In the early part of 1887, however, this man, whose right name could not be given, owing to the variety of aliases which he assumed, turned up at a southern seaside resort. He lodged at a private boarding house, one of the best in the place, and by means of insidiously polite conduct gained the confidence of those by whom he was surrounded. Amongst the family to whom the place belonged was the daughter of the landlady, a girl of 16. Suddenly the "curate" fell ill, and there was no more devoted nurse to him than this young girl. Some weeks elapsed before convalescence set in, and coincident with the recovery to health the landlady missed, all at once, both her elder and her daughter. No tidings could be obtained of them for some time, until at last there came an announcement of their marriage and an appeal for money. This was sent to a post office, and then the correspondence ceased. Afterwards there came the intelligence that the clerical husband had become a private tutor, and had a number of pupils. Amongst the students was a youth, who is described by his friends as "backward." In order to accelerate the progress of this young man, the tutor suggested that he should accompany the young man to his home, and there supplement the daily lessons which he gave. The offer was accepted, and in a few days the "tutor" was recognised as a welcome visitor of the young man's family. Amongst those whom he met was another young girl of 17. Practising upon her hopes and with which there is reason to believe he had betrayed the innocence of many young women before, he induced this young girl to elope with him. In the meantime his girl-wife had given birth to a child. Unknown to her, his visits to the house of his pupil continued; but suddenly the alarm was given that the girl had fled. Every inquiry was made as to the whereabouts of the absent pair, but no clue was gained until the deserted wife suddenly appeared with the child in her arms, guided by a letter which she had found amongst her husband's papers. After a wild-goose chase about the three kingdoms, a clue was found as to the whereabouts of the couple in Paris. In order to trace them more effectually a letter was sent, addressed "So-and-so, Pöte Restante, Paris," enclosing a remittance. The man intercepted this letter, duly presented himself, and obtained the money. He was instantly threatened with legal proceedings, and, after a short time, returned the cash. The next device was to obtain an interview between the mother and father (who were in pursuit of their erring daughter) and this unfortunate girl. By a stratagem admission was gained to the suite of apartments which the guilty pair occupied, and the summons was given them to rise and admit the French police who were in attendance. Suddenly the bed-room door was opened and the girl advanced. Instantly the father dashed forward, and, seizing his daughter by the wrist, threw her into her mother's arms. When he confronted the man, but owing to the presence of the police, the condition of the man, who he merited was not inflicted. The girl returned with her parents to England, and the "curate" was left either to embark upon fresh ventures of the kind, or to return to the arms of one of the many wives who were possibly mourning his absence. Since, however, this termination of the affair the man has had the remarkable impudence to threaten the father of the girl who was taken from him in Paris with an action for libel.

A FEMALE ADVENTURER.

An extraordinary case was heard before the Bolton magistrates last week. A married woman, named Margaret Ann Prince, residing in an out-district of the town, was charged with obtaining money under false pretences. It was stated that for some time past she had been representing that she was a heiress entitled to a fortune of £1,700,000, and she was now charged with having obtained from various people sums to the amount of over £2,000 upon the strength of her letters. Over 100 letters were produced in court, all of which the prisoner admitted to have written. They were presumed to come from Hackney Hall, Jeddburgh, and referred to the supposed fortune. The prisoner represented that when she got her fortune she would give, not cent. per cent., but £20,000, £30,000, and £40,000, according to the sum borrowed. A remand was asked for, pending inquiries, which was granted.

IMPROVEMENTS AT ISLINGTON.

The Upper-street at Islington was formally opened last week to vehicular traffic after some months of stoppage owing to an improvement which has been carried out, and the general result of which is satisfactory. Numerous accidents and blocks in the traffic caused the vestry to petition the Board of Works to widen Upper-street, and although the Act of Parliament for widening and improving the roads of the metropolis is only now completed. One benefit to the travelling public by the improvement is the long sweep of double lines of tramway from Highbury Station to the Angel, and when the new road from the latter point to Holborn is made, it will give one of the finest improvements yet carried out by the Metropolitan Board of Works in that part of London. The formal ceremony of opening was performed by the deputy-chairman of the Metropolitan Board and the members of the Islington Highway Committee walking on the improved road, and the company then adjourned to the Cock Tavern at Highbury, to join in a congratulatory feast.

A RUNAWAY PATIENT.

On Saturday morning a singular occurrence took place at St. Bartholomew's Hospital. A patient, said to be suffering from tumour on the brain, was removed from one ward to another, where there were better facilities for treating him. The removal was carried out satisfactorily, and the patient placed in bed, but no sooner had the attendant turned his back upon the man with the object of getting some water to wash him, than the patient jumped out of bed, and, clad only in a night-shirt, ran out of the hospital building into the enclosed garden in the centre of the hospital premises. He made at once for the gate leading into West Smithfield, but an alarm being raised, the officials gave chase, and succeeded in capturing the man as he was about to pass out of the street. He resisted his captors for some time, but eventually after a severe struggle, was overpowered and taken back to the ward.

We are requested to state that during the exhibition of Her Majesty's jubilee presents the Bethnal Green Museum will be specially kept open on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m., at an admission fee of 6d. each person.

On Saturday information was forwarded to the East Surrey coroner of the death of Matilda Lizzie Tufford, aged 21 months, the daughter of a deaf and dumb parent, living at 20, Mann-street, Walworth, who was found asphyxiated on her mother's arm in bed.

HIGHWAY ROBBERIES AT THE EAST-END.

Whitechapel Ruffians.

At the Thames Police Court last week, Charles Wilks, 20, was charged with being concerned with others not in custody in attempting to steal from the person.—Edward Morrison, merchant, of Grafton-street, Mile End, said at eight o'clock on the 17th inst. he was walking along what is termed The Mount, Whitechapel, just by the hospital, and as he was crossing the road seven men surrounded him. He was knocked down, one of them tripping him up, and he put his hand on his watch to save it. In answer to Mr. Lushington, the witness said one of the gang tried to steal his (witness's) watch before he was knocked down. When he got up he missed his spectacles, and looked for them, but was unable to find them. He could not identify the prisoner as one of the men who attacked him.—James Humphrey, a dairyman, of 51, Ferrier-street, Cambridge-road, Mile End, said: At eight o'clock on Tuesday night I was coming along the road, and saw several men outside the Wine House tavern, and seeing them there several times before I watched them. I saw them throw the prosecutor on to his back, and then run away down Turner-street, Commercial-road. The prisoner I recognise as the last one of the seven who were running away. I asked the prosecutor if he had lost anything, and he said, "Only my spectacles." I saw the prisoner the previous night at Leaman-street, and picked him out from amongst others.—Police-constable King deposed to the arrest of the prisoner, and said a gentleman in court had been robbed of his gold watch on the 10th of December, and he believed the prisoner was one of the men, but he did not wish to prosecute, as he was not certain of his identity. The prisoner had been convicted before, but he was not prepared with the dates of the conviction.—Mr. Lushington committed the prisoner for trial.

Watch Robbery in the Commercial-road.

Frederick Johnson, 20, and James Hazell, 19, were charged with assaulting and stealing a watch from a person unknown.—John Calkin, colonial merchant, West Harbour-street, Commercial-road, said: At a quarter past five on the 17th inst. I was walking along Commercial-road, Mile End, Stoney, close to Myrtle-street, when I saw several young men acting in a suspicious manner, and at Cannon-street-road two crossed. On reaching Longuehayes, linen-draper, the prisoners spoke to each other and walked very quickly in front of me in single file. At the corner of Sidney-street I saw Hazell snatch a man's watch, and they all ran down Sidney-street. The man followed, and about twenty yards down the street he was tripped up by a tall man I followed and caught up the watch, and threw it on one side. I then went to the station and described the tall man and Hazell. I picked both out at the station on the 20th inst., but I have a doubt about Johnson's identity.—In answer to Mr. Lushington, the witness said, "I believe it was Hazell who took the watch from the man."—Mr. Lushington remanded the prisoners for a week.

Another Case.

James Gibbs, a powerfully-built looking fellow, was charged with stealing a watch and part of a chain from the person of Thomas Phillips, a respectable gentleman residing at Commercial-road East.—Sergeant William New, H Division of police, who had been instrumental in the case, in bringing the prisoners, who belong to a notorious gang of thieves in the East-end, to justice, said the doctor had attended the station and expressed his desire to prosecute, but was not present in attendance, and he asked that the case might be put back to enable him to come to the court.—It appeared that at half past six o'clock on the evening of the 10th inst. the prosecutor was walking along Commercial-road East, when he was surrounded by a gang of about eight rough fellows, including the prisoner, who hustled him about, and he was robbed of his watch and chain, all of the thieves effecting their escape. On the 20th inst. Sergeant New went to a house in Devonshire-street, Commercial-road, where he found the prisoner, and took him into custody. In answer to the charge, he said, "You have got us for a good job, but I can get out of it all right this time." Sergeant New said the prisoner had only been recently discharged from prison, but he was not at present prepared with the date of his conviction.—Mr. Lushington remanded the prisoner for the attendance of the doctor.

HORRIBLE MURDER AND SUICIDE.

A terrible tragedy was reported from Carlisle on Saturday. Richard Glaister, between 30 and 40 years of age, was formerly a traveller for a London firm, and whilst there he fell from his gig and hurt his head. After leaving London he went into the grocery trade but failed, and has latterly been out of a situation. It is stated that he had had differences with his wife, and that she had arranged to leave him, and go home to her mother. About noon on the 1st a railway lorryman, coming to the house to remove some of the furniture, and as he could obtain no answer to his knocking, and the neighbours had not seen the Glaisters stir, the window was forced by a joiner, who, with Mrs. Glaister's brother, entered.

A Horrible Spectacle awaited them.

In the bed-room, at the foot of the bed, was lying Mrs. Glaister, cut and stabbed in the face and breast in many places, and with a deep wound on her chest. She was quite dead, and at the head of the bed was seated her dead husband, with his head nearly severed from his body. He was grasping in his hand a bread-knife, with which it is supposed he had first of all murdered his wife, who had been much out in struggling to defend her self, and then cut his own throat. He had before committing the murder written two letters, one of the dated so far back as Tuesday, in which he said, "It's her cursed temper and tongue that have caused the affair, say nothing of her hands." In the second letter, dated Friday, he says, "I've lived as long as I could and no longer than I could have done in this world. I now fly to the next to get rest and peace for my poor shattered head and mind. May God have mercy upon my soul." At the inquest the jury returned a verdict of wilful murder against Richard Glaister in the inquest on the wife's body, and of suicide while temporarily insane in the case of the husband.

CONSERVATISM AT STOCKPORT.

Speaking at the opening of a Conservative club at Stockport last week, Mr. Louis G. Jennings, M.P., referred to the Free Trade question. He said at the present time, when the vital issue before the country was whether we should remain intact, or be split up by a party of treason-mongers, we must not run the risk of a division in party. Conservatism had to consider that Messrs. Bright, Hartington, and Chamberlain were working with them to maintain the Union, and that they looked upon any vigorous pressing of the Free Trade movement as hostile to them and their fellow countrymen. Not even the Free Trade question would warrant the breaking up of the Union party at present. If dealt with properly it would grow in favour of the working class.

On Saturday Dr. Danford Thomas held an inquest at St. Pancras on the body of Marian Charlotte Bailey, 3 months old. The mother, living at 30, Greek-street, Tottenham Court-road, deposed that on the 26th ult. an elder child in her absence sat on the bed-clothes alight with a piece of paper from the fire. Deceased, who was in bed, was severely burnt, and died on the 13th inst. A verdict of accidental death was returned.

TERRIBLE DEATHS FROM SCALDING.

A Man Boiled in a Bath.

On Saturday Dr. George Danford Thomas held an inquest at the Holborn Town Hall concerning the death of Alphonzo Migotti, aged 45, of independent means.—Mr. Gerard Migotti, a vestryman of Holborn, stated that he was secretary of St. George's Mansions, Red Lion-square, and resided there. The deceased (his brother) came on a visit to him last week. He was robust, and studied his bodily health. On Wednesday morning he was missed from his bed-room, but no notice was taken, as they thought he had gone for a morning walk. All day on Wednesday he was not seen, and towards evening witness became anxious. At nine a.m. on Thursday information came from the caretaker, William Nash, that the deceased had been found dead in the bath room on the top flat.—By the Coroner: The bath used had a patent geyser, and was in a room 5ft. long by 5ft. 6in. wide. It was in perfect order. Some years ago the deceased had mental trouble. The witness had no reason to suppose that he went to the room with any other intention but taking a bath.—William Nash, caretaker, stated that in going his rounds on Thursday morning he noticed steam and water coming from the bath-room. Upon opening the door he saw the deceased half in the bath. The steam in the room was overpowering. The geyser was alight and red hot. Assistance came, and deceased was got out.—By the Coroner: A bath of this description required the windows to be opened to prepare the same before using. Witness had experienced a sensation of suffocation when using a geyser bath in a confined room.—Dr. Sumner, 19, Guildford-street, deposed that when called to the deceased he found him lying in the bath with his head and shoulders under water, giving an idea that he had fallen in head first. The water in the bath was boiling. Deceased's arms and body were blistered, and, in fact, he was practically "boiled to death." Death had resulted from asphyxia and syncope.—A verdict was returned of death from misadventure.

Three Children Scalded to Death.

On Saturday Mr. W. Carter held an inquest in the coroner's room at St. Thomas's Hospital on the body of Henry Alfred Lambert, aged 1 year and 1 month, the son of parents residing at No. 3, St. Mary's Cottages, Marmorsbury-place. A yearling child who died from the effects of scalds.—It appeared from the evidence of Mrs. Charlotte Lambert, the mother, that about noon on Sunday, the 8th inst., she was cooking dinner for the family, when she took a breakfast cup full of hot broth from a saucepan, and placed it on the table. She then went to the corner of the room to wash her hands, and whilst engaged in doing so she was startled at hearing a loud scream in the room, and upon looking round she saw that the deceased had pulled the cup of hot broth over himself. Deceased was removed to St. Thomas's Hospital, and admitted, but he grew worse, and died on the 13th inst. Frederick Augustus Lambert, the father of the deceased, who was in the room at the time of the occurrence, reading a book, gave corroborative evidence.—Mr. John Herbert Tonking, one of the house surgeons at St. Thomas's Hospital, deposed to death being due to shock consequent upon severe scalds to the face, chest, and arms, and the jury returned a verdict of accidental death.—While holding the foregoing inquiry Mr. Carter, the coroner, was informed by the officials at St. Thomas's Hospital that Robert Henry Ryan, aged 3 years and 2 months, the son of a carpenter, had died in that institution on the previous day from the effects of scalds received through pulling a saucepan of soup over himself from off the hob of the fireplace on the 17th inst.—The same coroner was also informed of the death of Alfred Thomas Benson, aged 3 years, the son of a provision merchant's assistant, residing at No. 5, Flinton-street, Surrey-square, Kent-road, who also died from the effects of scalds. It would appear that in this case the mother was confined to her bed and was being attended to by a nurse. The latter on the morning of Thursday left a pail of kitchen boiling water beneath the table in the child's reach, and during her temporary absence the child appeared to have fallen into it and thereby became severely scalded. Dr. Willis was called in, but the unfortunate child rapidly grew worse and died on Friday.

THREE MONTHS IN AUSTRALIA.

On Saturday Mr. Howard Hodgkin, M.A., delivered a lecture under this title at the Working Men's College, Bloomsbury. In the course of his remarks the lecturer, who was owing to the publication of Mr. Froude's book, "Oceania," Englishmen had been the case since the colony was founded. Australia, which covered twenty-four times the size of England, was really a counter-part of the mother country. On arrival, say at Melbourne, one would be struck by the similarity of the streets to those that had been left behind in London. The shop windows would be filled with English goods, the streets disfigured with telegraph wires, and the air pierced with the sound of trains just as at home. It was not only outward appearance that the colony resembled, but also in its government, though in a more democratic sense. Our Queen and Parliament were the nominal governors, but the moment a man settled down in a district he felt more responsible to the institution of the colony. The people there come more into contact with their responsible Ministers than in a district he felt more responsible to the institution of the colony. The people there come more into contact with their responsible Ministers than in a district he felt more responsible to the institution of the colony.

On Saturday the East Middlesex coroner held an inquest at Shoreditch on the body of Stephen Crowther, aged 77, a butcher, late of 221, Chatham Avenue, Hoxton. It appeared that the deceased had a fit on Tuesday, and was put to bed and seemed better at night, but on the following morning he was found sitting up in bed dead. Dr. Murray ascribed death to failure of the heart's action, consequent on exertion, and a verdict to that effect was returned.

Last week Mr. William Carter held an inquest at the Lord Nelson Trafalgar-street, Walworth, on the body of Edward James Jeffrey, aged 2 months, the son of parents residing at 77, Orbestreet, Walworth, who was discovered dead in bed on his mother's arm. Dr. Pam, of the New Kent-road, who was called in after death, attributed death to asphyxia or suffocation, and a verdict of accidental death was returned.

A ROYAL ROMANCE.

A Shocking Affair at Watford.

A Vienna correspondent gives "authentic particulars" of the royal romance which has culminated in the engagement of Prince Oscar Charles, second son of the King of Sweden, to a young lady of his own nationality but not of royal blood. It appears that the Crown Princess of Sweden had among her maids of honour a young Swedish lady, Miss Munck, known for her beauty, grace, and charming manner. Wherever she went she was admired, and while with the Crown Princess in Germany she even attracted the attention of the Emperor William, who has always been a worshipper of the fair sex, but although of noble birth, Miss Munck was poor and an orphan. Eventually Miss Munck, yielding to the pressing advice of her friends, accepted an offer of marriage from a wealthy young officer belonging to a crack cavalry regiment, and everything was prepared for the wedding. The day was fixed, the *troiscent* was bought, and presents had arrived, when suddenly Miss Munck broke off her engagement for reasons which convinced her that she did not possess the exclusive affections of her suitor. She resisted all attempts at a reconciliation, and retired from court for some time. When she returned her former high spirits had gone, and her face bore an expression of melancholy, which, however, enhanced her beauty considerably. Meanwhile, Prince Oscar had been for a two years' trip round the world in the Royal Swedish frigate *Yanadis*. Shortly after his return his friends discovered that he was in love, and the fact likewise became evident to Miss Munck herself. She could not fail to be sensible of the admiration of the gallant and handsome young sailor prince. But what was to be done? According to the Swedish constitution any prince marrying outside the circle of Royalty forfeits his rights to the throne and his privileges as a member of the Royal family.

The Voice of Duty.

Miss Munck, listening to what she believed was the voice of duty, again left the Swedish Court. She announced formally to her relatives her intention never to marry, and assumed the garb of a nurse and the charge of a ward in one of the large charity hospitals of Stockholm. Prince Oscar at last succeeded in meeting her, and finally, after a long struggle, he wrung from her the confession that she loved him. Still, the brave girl refused to marry him, and it was not until the prince could tell her that the Queen had been moved to give her consent that finally she yielded; but the King's sanction had yet to be obtained. In vain did Prince Oscar at first plead that his brother, the Crown Prince, had already two sons, his own chances of ever ascending the throne were practically nil, and that he therefore ought to be allowed to abandon the privileges of Royalty and to become a private citizen; but as time wore on, and the King saw his son could not be influenced in the matter, his Majesty was induced to yield, principally owing to the entreaties of the Queen, who was on the eve of an operation from which she was not expected to recover. The King could not resist this appeal from his beloved wife, whom he feared he was going to lose, and thus for the first time for 300 years a prince of Sweden will marry the daughter of a private gentleman. In virtue of the Swedish constitution, Prince Oscar will lose, besides his rights to the throne, his titles of "Royal highness" and "Duke of Gotland," the yearly allowance granted by the Swedish Diet, and his palace at Stockholm. He will, in fact, be called "Prince Bernadotte." He will, however, retain his position as commander in the Swedish Navy, which rank he has earned fairly in the ordinary course of promotion. His Royal highness and his affianced bride will accompany the Queen of Sweden to England at the end of January, it being her Majesty's intention to spend three or four months at Bournemouth. The wedding will take place either at that watering-place or at the Swedish Church in London. After their return from their honeymoon the young couple will settle at Carlisle, a naval establishment in Southern Sweden, where the Prince will be stationed.

THE VOLUNTEERS.

In most of the metropolitan regiments of Volunteers the work of drill was resumed on Saturday after the Christmas vacation. In various quarters of the metropolitan police men were to be found on the roads preparatory to the hard marching in store for them a few weeks hence, when the period arrives for the commencement of the Easter manoeuvres. Amongst those to be met with in the strongest force were the 4th Volunteer Battalion Royal West Surrey Regiment, of which Lieutenant-colonel Hadden has command. Mustering at six, with about 350 men in the ranks and an excellent muster of officers, they marched off under the command of Major Seaby striking out toward through Brixton and Clapham and returning to headquarters some three hours later. Earlier in the afternoon a very interesting performance was carried out, under the direction of Surgeon Pearce, of the Artists, by a few men from the London Scottish and the Artists' corps belonging to the Volunteer Ambulance School of Instruction. The test operation was to determine the time that would be required by half a dozen men, trained to take a model adapted for twelve patients down, to reconstruct it. The portable house, which was 35ft. long and 18ft. wide, and contained twelve beds, twelve tables, and twelve chairs, was exhibited built up complete, as shown at Wellington Barracks, and Surgeon Pearce explained its construction and the mode of taking it to pieces to six members of the association, who were then required to take it down and reconstruct it. The sides, ends, and roof of the structure are made in portable sections, all fitting inter-changeably, and capable of being put together or taken apart without the use of either screw, nail, hammer, or other tool. The whole of the parts of the construction were taken down and packed on a wagon ready for transport elsewhere by the six men in thirty-five minutes, and about an hour would have sufficed for two men to do the work. From the time of the order being given to reconstruct the hospital to the last portion being left perfectly in place was just five minutes under great hurry. The operation was watched with great interest by a number of officers representing various branches of the service, and by a number of ladies, and its conclusion was greeted with marks of the warmest approval. The hospital is remarkably complete, the arrangements for the supply of either cold or hot vapours for disinfecting purposes being very perfect. The weight of the whole, about 4,000 lbs., formed a convenient load for two horses, who packed upon the wagon for removal. It is an American invention, which was shown for the first time in Europe at the International Exhibition of Antwerp in 1885, where it secured the special gold medal and money prize given by the Empress of Germany for the best portable hospital, amongst all competitors. Amongst the other leading Volunteer events was the attractive nigger entertainment, given at the Queen's Hall of the Queen's Westminster Rifles, the new headquarters of the corps at Buckingham Palace. A very large number of excellent quality, formed chorus and orchestra, and in the most approved style of costuming and humour the entertainment was carried out, greatly to the delight of a numerous audience of officers and members of the corps and their friends.

The troopship Euphrates arrived at Bombay on Saturday.

The Vienna Male Choral Society purpose paying a visit this year to London, where they will give three concerts during the month of June.

The vacancy in the court of the Goldsmiths' Company has been filled by the election of Sir Richard A. Webster, Q.C., M.P., Attorney-General.

A RAILWAY TRAGEDY.

Shocking Affair at Watford.

An inquest was opened on Saturday afternoon at the Queen's Arms Hotel, Watford, before Mr. Brabant, coroner for West Herts, on the body of a man unknown who was killed on the London and North-Western Railway at Watford under singular circumstances on the 18th inst. Mr. Groom, district superintendent, and Mr. Copping, chief superintendent of police at Euston Railway Station, appeared on behalf of the London and North-Western Railway Company.—Mr. Brabant, of Garsfield House, Willesden, stated that on the 18th inst. he travelled by the 12.0 train from Liverpool in a third-class carriage. The deceased was a passenger in the same compartment, and got in at Lime-street Station. There were two ladies and two other gentlemen in the same compartment. The deceased sat still and did not speak to any one during the whole of the journey. When the train got to Watford Tunnel witness heard the window slam down next to where the deceased was sitting, and at the same time he heard one of the ladies shriek and say, "What are you doing? There is no station here." The deceased opened the door and just as the train was leaving the tunnel witness saw him on the footboard. A gentleman sitting opposite him made an endeavour to catch hold of him but unsuccessfully, and

The Deceased Disappeared.

The ladies screamed, and for some time were in great terror. With difficulty the door was closed. The train did not stop until Willesden was reached, and there the railway officials were informed of what had taken place. The deceased appeared to have no luggage with him, and so far as witness could tell, was not under the influence of drink. It was about four o'clock when the train passed Watford.—John Gray, a platelayer, deposed to finding the body lying in the six-foot way near to the tunnel. Dr. Rudyard was fetched, and pronounced life to be extinct.—Mr. E. Brooks, station-master, gave similar testimony as to the finding of the body. Dr. Brady, who had made a post mortem examination of the body, said the deceased appeared to be about 50 years of age. From his appearance he should say that the deceased had been in the habit of taking large quantities of stimulants, but he did not appear to have been suffering from any disease. The skull was smashed all round, the right arm was nearly cut off, and the fingers of the left hand were cut as if a train had passed over them. The injuries were such as would be caused by falling from

A Train going at Express Speed.

Police-inspector York gave evidence as to the description of the man, who was about 50 years of age, about 5ft. 6in. in height, having dark heavy whiskers and moustache, turning grey. He was dressed in a brown and white plaid coat and vest, dark tweed trousers, black diagonal top coat, and brown felt hat. He had in his possession five £10 Bank of England notes, £9 in gold, and 15s. 8d. in silver and copper money, a third-class railway ticket from Liverpool to London, a gold Geneva single-cased watch and gold curb chain with spade guinea attached, a time-table of the New Zealand Shipping Company, a pair of spectacles in a dark leather case, a bunch of small keys, and a large door key, with two padlock keys attached to a small wooden label, also a pocket-book, which, however, gave no name or address.—Mr. Gray, after examining the pocket-book, said it contained particulars with reference to a claim on the railway company. This was the first time he had seen it, and he believed on investigation in the company's books some clue might be obtained which would lead to the deceased's identity.—The inquest was thereupon adjourned for a fortnight.

ROMANTIC TRAGEDY IN FRANCE.

A strange case, which is being investigated by the tribunals, is, says the Paris correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, attracting much attention just at present. A member of the jeunesse dorée—M. Paul Roussille—who inherits a large property in Auvergne, was arrested some time ago on a charge of having murdered his mistress, who went by the name of "Mademoiselle Valentine." The affair caused a great sensation. Roussille was known as one of the fastest viveurs in Paris, as well as in his native town of Clermont-Ferrand. He was a modern "prodigal son," who had inherited from his father—a wealthy manufacturer—a property which brought him in a considerable amount of money annually. He at first tried politics, and contested an election as a representative of the Legitimist cause. Being beaten, he resorted to abstinent himself, completely to the debasing pleasures of life. He was set out for the metropolis, and there he became a constant habitué of the boudoirs of the Quartier-Frédéric and the Quartier de l'Europe. He passed himself off as the "Marquis de Morinville," and after a few months' dissipation among the "night houses" and lupanars of the boulevards, he returned to his department, taking with him the woman Valentine. The pair hired a villa near Murat, a village in Auvergne, where Roussille was known to the peaceful inhabitants of the hamlet as the "Little Marquis." The nobleman and his "little Marquis" so scandalized all the villagers by their orgies à la mode de Paris. The cure, the village doctor, and the local lawyer did their best to prevent them from making an exhibition of themselves in the streets, but all to no purpose. The orgies were continued diurnally and nocturnally until they reached a climax one day, when Roussille, in a fit of drunken fury, plunged his knife into the breast of his paramour, and killed her on the spot. The crime was committed in a forest, thither the couple had gone on a picnic. Valentine had made some disparaging remarks to her lover, who immediately seized a carving-knife, which his valet had placed on the grass after unpacking the hamper, and stabbed her. The weapon penetrated to the woman's heart, and was pulled out by the lover, who, satisfied with having killed her, bared her about the face and breast. After this Roussille was arrested, but, owing to the intervention of his family, he escaped from this place, and disappeared for six months. He was at last found at Monte Carlo, arrested, and confined in the public asylum of Charenton. Roussille contends that he is not mad, and he has engaged M. Georges Lachaud as his advocate. He states that the woman Valentine is not dead, that she was only wounded, and that a dammy was buried in her place. His friends, however, insist that the man is a dangerous lunatic, and the mad doctors have not sent in their opinions on the case to the tribunals.

THE HUNTINGDONSHIRE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the Huntingdonshire Agricultural Society was held at Huntingdon on Saturday. The accounts of the society showed a balance in hand of £38. Baron de Bunsby was elected president, and the Earl of Sandwich vice-president. The show will be held at Ramsey, on Friday, July 27th.

A Renter's telegram from Wellington last week states the amount by which the Customs revenue of New Zealand increased during the past quarter was £17,000.

Mr. Wynne E. Baxter held an inquest on Saturday on the body of Alfred Lord, aged 10 months, the son of parents living at 12, Harward-street, Hackney-road, who was taken suddenly ill on Wednesday, and died before medical assistance could be procured. Medical evidence showed that death was due to congestion of the lungs, and a verdict to that effect was returned. Information of the death of the child was given at Dalrymple, aged 11 weeks, whose parents live at 60, Long-street, Hackney-road, was on Saturday forwarded to the East London coroner. On Thursday evening the child was put to bed in apparently the best of health, but shortly after was found to be dead. Dr. Keith, of Hackney-road, who was sent for, failed to find anything to account for death.

Queen's Bench Division.
before Mr. Justice Hawkins and Mr. Justice
Grantham.)

Bow-street.

Marlborough-street.

Marylebone.

STEALING LUGGAGE AT EUSTON.—John Best, Es. who was respectably dressed, was charged with stealing a portmanteau containing a large quantity of wearing apparel and other property, belonging to Mr. E. Stuart, an officer of the Royal Artillery. Chief-inspector Pearson watched the case for the London and North-Western Railway Company. The evidence of Detective-sergeant Knaton, of the

low, he (prosecutor) was let off. He had also been charged with assaulting the police, also a barman, but was acquitted. He did not remember having suffered eighteen months' imprisonment for felony.—Mr. Palmer: Do you carry a revolver.—Prosecutor: No, I do not.—Mr. Palmer: Do you carry a pistol about with you?—Prosecutor: No, certainly not.—Mr. Palmer: Have you not seen the police sergeant, called "the constable," that you would shoot him or throw vitriol over him?—Prosecutor: No, or he would soon have run me in.—Mr. Palmer: But he has run you in, has he not?—Prosecutor: Only for bad language.—Cross-examination continued: He (prosecutor) had a row with Ryan on the night previous to the assault, and they fought.—Herbert Jefferys and Charles Reade gave corroborative evidence, and Detective-sergeant Record said he arrested Thomas Murphy, and that he said to him "I am going to put you in the night my brother stabbed him."—Mr. Cooke sent the case for trial for maliciously wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm, and refused to admit to bail.

Worship-street.

GARROTT'S ROBBERY. IN WHITCHEAPEL.—Thomas McCarthy, 20, a cook, living in Devonshire-street, Commercial-road, was charged with having been concerned with a man named Jobn Kaylor, in custody, with assaulting George Hamersley, and stealing from him a gold watch, value 45s.—The prosecutor, who has premises in St. Andrew's, said that he and his friend, Alfred, at seven o'clock on the evening of the 10th inst. he was walking through High-street, Whitechapel, when he suddenly found his way barred by four or five men. The 10th was a very foggy night, and he had not noticed any one near him till he was surrounded. He then seized his arms, tried to break through the men by throwing his arms, but was dragged backwards by men behind, while others in front pulled open his overcoat and the coat beneath, and then dragged away with considerable violence the watch and chain, which he had about his neck. He said he had his arms round his (prosecutor's) neck, and the actual thief stole the watch over his

Westminster.

Lambeth.

Southwark.

CUSTOMER."—Charlotte Aiders, a woman, was charged with at-

Stratford.

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INQUESTS

EXTRAORDINARY SUICIDE OF A BRIDE

At the George and Dragon, St. George's-rose Camberwell, Mr. Wyatt held an inquest on the body of Miss Moore, aged 24, who was found dead in the morning in a room at the above address. The deceased was the daughter of a Placquet-tenor, Grove Vale, East Dulwich. Alexander John Moore, a gentlemanly-looking man of middle age, stated that he was a jeweller's assistant employed in the City, and he resided at the above address. The deceased was his wife, he having married her last Boxing Day. They lived happily together, but deceased appeared rather lonely. They kept the house to themselves, and she was in the habit of leaving at seven in the morning, and returning at eight in the night. On Wednesday morning she left the deceased apparently in good health and spirits. At eight o'clock at night he returned. The house was in darkness, and no one appeared to be about. Witness gained admittance with his latch-key, but was unable to find his wife in the lower part of the house. On going into the scullery witness noticed marks of blood on the sink. Becoming alarmed, he ran upstairs, and in the bed-room he found his wife lying partly on the bed and partly on a chair. She was fully dressed, but had no boots on, and witness was horrified to find that her throat was terribly cut. There were no marks or stains of blood on the stairs. The witness added that he had never heard the deceased threaten to commit suicide, and he knew of no reason why she should do so.—Inspector Flanagan, East Dulwich Police Station, stated that he was called to the above address on Sunday, and he found the deceased as described by the last witness. Witness searched the house, and in the scullery he found a razor smeared with blood and a looking-glass. Deceased had apparently placed a chair in front of the sink, and, with a looking-glass before her, deliberately cut her throat. She must then have walked upstairs to the bed-room. Witness found a large

FIELD-LANE BOYS' HOME.
The annual meeting, entertainment, and prize distribution took place on Saturday at the Field-lane Boys' Home and Industrial School, West Hampstead. The institution, which is in connection with the Field-lane refugees, ragged schools, &c., is a certified industrial school, and at the present time contains 106 boys, of ages varying from eight years to fifteen, who are detained under magistrates' orders, and, in addition to receiving a good elementary education, are trained in such industrial occupations as tailoring, shoemaking, baking, &c. A luncheon is met by the Government grant, the proceeds of industrial work, and voluntary contributions. On Sunday, a number of ladies and gentlemen conduct a Sunday school for the boys, and the cost of the special is provided for the boys on Saturday and of the prizes subsequently distributed was defrayed by the contributions of these Sunday school teachers and other friends. After the boys had enjoyed a bountiful repast, a meeting was held, under the presidency of Mr. B. Worsley Chandler, a gentleman of the company, at which the chairman, G. T. Peall, gave a large and excellent entertainment of music and recitations was given by the boys, under the direction of the able superintendent of the institution, Mr. G. T. Peall, whose wife is the matron. The boys' military band also played a selection of music, conducted by Mr. Adams, the bandmaster. At the close of this entertainment the chairman gave an interesting account of the work of the home, and read extracts from letters of former inmates now doing well in New Zealand, &c., &c., showing the good results and memorials of the institution. It also bore high testimony to the conscientious and indefatigable work and care of Mr. and Mrs. Peall, the assistants, and the Sunday school teachers. Mrs. Chandler afterwards distributed a large number of prizes for good conduct, which comprised interesting and useful books, writing-desks, &c. The proceedings were most interesting and of a character throughout, and the visitors must whom took the opportunity of inspecting the dormitories, workshops, &c., appeared highly gratified with all they saw and heard of the work of this useful and well-conducted institution.

The noted Mexican bandit Bernal, whose depredations have provoked the utmost amazement in America, has been shot and killed in the State of

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THE PEOPLE'S MIXTURE.

There are about 600 native newspapers in India.

A woman named Emma Cottrell, who has just died in Connecticut, had attained her 115th year.

Cold weather of unusual intensity prevails in various parts of the United States.

The Nepal revolution has completely collapsed.

A male otter, weighing 20lb., has been caught on the Surrey side of the Thames by a Staines fisherman.

Rudolph Berner has been fined £5 and costs at the Thames Police Court for having assaulted Otto Kettleman at the German United Club, Whitechapel, by throwing him down the steps.

Intelligence has reached Melbourne from Samson that at the latter place the Germans were enforcing the payment of taxes, and the proclamation of a German protectorate was expected.

The United States Supreme Court has dismissed the appeal of Brooks, alias Maxwell, who is under sentence of death for the murder of Mr. Preller.

The French Chamber has agreed to the principle of a bill for the utilisation of the sewage of Paris in the lower part of the forest of St. Germain.

M. Jules Simon says that most of the wretchedness prevailing among the French poor might be done away with if they would take to a more solid diet and live in healthier rooms.

A terrible accident has occurred on the Boston and Maine Railway, on the bridge which spans the Merrimack River, resulting in the loss of twelve lives and the injury of about forty to fifty others.

John Randall, a Margate waiter, was leading a colt with a long halter, one end of which he had twisted round his wrist, when he stumbled and fell. The colt dragged him a considerable distance, breaking his neck.

Recruits to the number of 169,240 entered the German Army and Marine in 1887. Of these 169,240 had received an education in German, and 4,832 in a foreign language, while only 1,215 could neither read nor write.

At the Guildhall Police Court, a stockbroker's clerk was sentenced to six months' imprisonment on the charge of embezzling various sums of money from his employers, Messrs. Cooper and Co., of Threadneedle-street.

Louise Michel, while speaking at an Anarchist meeting in Havre on Sunday night, was wounded with a revolver by a man named Lucas, who narrowly escaped being torn to pieces by the people ere his arrest had been effected.

The Hornsey Local Board have decided to recommend the insertion of a clause in the Local Government Bill to make it imperative that all cases of infectious disease should be notified to the local health authority.

The trial of Marcus Mollander, a scythe manufacturer of Vienna, who was indicted for infringement of trade marks and for fraud, has resulted in conviction on both counts of the indictment. He was sentenced to five years' imprisonment.

At Bolton, Robert Preston, a billposter, of Bury, has been committed for trial on the charge of wilfully causing the fire which destroyed the Theatre Royal in Bolton a few weeks ago. The evidence against the prisoner was of a circumstantial character.

Mrs. Edwards, of New Orleans, left her husband and went to live with her two sisters. Two of the latter's male admirers were one night leaving the house, when Edwards appeared and shot one in the stomach, the wound being fatal. Edwards then shot his wife in the breast.

A deaf female octogenarian, named Evans, was passing over a level crossing at Maidney, near Newport (Mon.), just at the moment that the local train was due. The buffer of the engine struck her on the head, she being instantaneously killed.

A Wednesday saddler, who was also a servant of reformatory, went into his cellar, placed the muzzle of a rifle against his head, and discharged it by pressing the trigger with an iron bar. His skull was shattered, and death was no doubt instantaneous.

In the Queen's Bench Division on Tuesday a jury awarded Mrs. Mathias, wife of Major Mathias, of the Gordon Highlanders, £300 damages against the South-Western Railway Company for personal injuries sustained through alleged negligence on the part of the company near Combe Maidon.

Holker's taste for jewellery has, according to a Bombay paper, been much stimulated by what he saw in England. He has been making large purchases since his return from Bombay and Calcutta, and is negotiating for the purchase of jewels belonging to the Countess of Dudley to the amount of £21,500.

By the terms of an arrangement proposed by Mr. Marriott and accepted by the Council of Egyptian Ministers, Ismail Pacha, the ex-Khedive, will receive the Egyptian palaces formerly belonging to him, property at Constantinople valued at £500,000, fourteen years' purchase of his civil allowances, and £100,000 in cash.

At a mass meeting of the unemployed of Greenwich, held in the public square on Wednesday night, Mr. John Elliot said a thorough investigation had been made, and it was found that in Greenwich alone nearly 2,000 persons were out of employment, and 6,000 were in a complete state of destitution.

The annual dinner of the South St. Pancras Conservative Association is to take place at the Holborn Restaurant next Tuesday, when Colonel R. W. Edie will preside. Mr. J. Blundell, Mr. M. P., Mr. P. Seager Hunt, Mr. M. P., Mr. R. G. Webster, Mr. M. P., Mr. H. E. Graham, and other gentlemen, have promised to attend.

An explosion of gas took place in one of the rooms of the Four Courts, Dublin, on Monday. A plumber and his assistant were sent for, and on their arrival they struck a light, with the usual consequence—an explosion. A portion of the chamber was wrecked, and the plumber's lad was buried beneath the debris, and so injured that he died shortly afterwards.

The Horse Guards Avenue Bill, which has complied with the standing orders of the House of Commons, authorises the construction of a new street from Whitehall to the Victoria Embankment, commencing near the entrance to Whitehall Yard, proceeding along Whitehall Yard, by the Bankruptcy Department of the Board of Trade, and terminating by a junction with the Victoria Embankment roadway.

The Lord Chief Justice and Lords Justices Cotton and Bowen gave judgment in the appeal of the proprietors of the Evening Post from the decision of Mr. Justice Kay, who, on the motion of Sir Algernon Burdett, proprietor of the Morning Post, granted an injunction restraining the publication of the appellants' paper under its present title. Their lordships reversed Mr. Justice Kay's decision, and dissolved the injunction, but they refused to give costs to the appellants.

Lord Jersey, speaking at the inaugural dinner of the Bicester and District Conservative Working Men's Club, said an astute attempt had been made to beguile English voters with the idea that Irish agitators were friendly to them and hostile only to the present Government. Mr. Dillon's soft language at Oxford must, however, be regarded as a side with Mr. Sexton's unchangeable passions of hate in Ireland and Mr. O'Connor's threats in America.

At a Salvation Army demonstration, held at the Great Western Hall, Edgeware-road, there were present on the platform about fifteen "converted" lozans, boozers, blackguards, and thieves. The chairman, in a brief opening address, announced that he could have filled the platform with 150 to 200 such characters, had not two other similar meetings occurred in London the same night. Short stories of wicked lives and subsequent

conversion were then told. One speaker declared that he had been in nearly 100 prisons.

A couple were married at St. Magnus, Kirkwall, whose united ages were 140 years. The bride boasts of being a great grandmother.

Mr. Joseph Reals was on Thursday elected to the vacant aldermanship for the ward of Aldersgate.

Russia is in want of money. Her strategical railways in Asia Minor have had to be suspended because of it.

The Shah's journey to Europe has been postponed, because he desires to visit the Paris International Exhibition next year.

Prince Albert Victor, who is the guest of Mr. Wentworth, at Wentworth Castle, was present at the Barnsley charity ball on Tuesday night.

So heavy have been the falls of snow in Western Russia that it has put a stop to the important military transport work going on there.

Prince Ferdinand and his mother, the Princess Clementine, arrived at Philippopolis from Sofia on Monday, and were very enthusiastically received.

Wootton, a Bedford village, has had its mystery cleared up. It was connected with the disappearance of Mr. Farrell, a local gentleman. His body, however, has now been discovered in the Ouse.

Mexico has asked for ground at the Paris Exhibition of sufficient extent to build an Aztec palace large enough to serve as a general exhibition of their antiquities and modern productions.

170,000,000 postage-stamps—equalling in weight 12 tons net—were sold at the New York post office in 1887; the postal cards sold numbered 4,344,000.

Sir E. H. Sieveking, M.D., LL.D., has been appointed one of Her Majesty's physicians in ordinary. Mr. E. D. Powell succeeding him as one of the physicians extraordinary.

An imposing military funeral, attended by a great concourse of people, took place at Lytham on Tuesday, when Sergeant-major Sutcliffe, who was one of the six hundred in the Balaklava charge, was buried.

The death rate of London further rose last week to 23.4 per 1,000 annually. There is still an excessive mortality from whooping cough, and there were nearly 600 deaths from diseases of the respiratory organs.

Samuel Bowman, who resided in Luns, Ohio, told his wife—as he touched a match to a can containing oil, which was being heated—that he "wanted to see the gas burn." An explosion followed, both Bowman and his wife being killed.

The wife of Thomas Murray, of Sioux Falls, Dakota, entered a respectable house. Murray, in revenge, shot her dead, and then turned his revolver upon himself—this, too, with a fatal result.

The remains of Sergeant Walter Vine, who for some years was gaoled at the Marlborough-street Police Court, and who died rather suddenly last week, aged 41, were interred at Brompton Cemetery on Tuesday.

The Bishop of London formally instituted the Ven. Archdeacon Earle to the rectory of St. Michael, Cornhill, on Tuesday. The new rector is to be an additional suffragan bishop for London, and will take the title of Bishop of Marlborough.

Sir Henry James, in a letter to the Electoral Purity League at Coventry, says he does not think the country could legislate against canvassing. The Act of 1883 prohibited canvassing, and he feared they could go no further.

It is announced from Calcutta that Sir Andrew Clarke is going to Siam to endeavour to arrange terms with the King on behalf of an English syndicate for the construction of a railway from Bangkok to the Yunnan frontier.

Edward Jackson, who obtained money from a number of persons in payment for well-advertised "musical boxes," which turned out on delivery to be simply mouth organs, has been allowed by the Middlesex Sessions judge four months' imprisonment, "with hard labour."

An early morning train will, on and after February 1st, run from St. Paul's Station, City, at 3.15 a.m., to the southern suburbs. It will call at Waltham-road, Camberwell, Loughborough Junction, Herne Hill, Dulwich, Peckham, and Beckenham.

Viscount Cranborne, speaking at Walton, near Preston, to a resolution of confidence in the Government's endeavours to restore law and order in Ireland, said the evil disease in that country demanded a strong remedy, which he thought they found in the Crimes Act.

At the Bow-street Police Court, a dairyman, of Enfield, has been committed for trial on a charge brought by Robert Strong, a surveyor, of the same place, of having forged a Post Office telegram with a view to bringing about the arrest of the complainant.

The Admiralty propose to purchase, for the use of the admiral's superintendent of Naval Reserves, the steam yacht Lady Aline, the property of Mr. W. B. Walker, which is at present lying at Shoreham, and which is to undergo extensive repairs.

Lord Wantage has divided some land on his estate at Ordingbury, known as Spencer's Farm, about half a mile from Broughton and a couple of miles from the town of Kettering, and has let to two applicants a little over thirty acres each, at 25s. per acre, through the intermediary operations of the Small Farms Company.

All the Australian colonies except Queensland have now agreed to the recommendations of the British Royal Commission upon Colonial Defence, recommending the colonies to contribute to the Imperial Exchequer, in order that Great Britain should build ships of war for the protection of harbours of refuge and coaling stations.

At the Warwick Police Court, George Timms, 52, a labourer, has been committed for trial, charged with the wilful murder of his wife at Emscote, under circumstances already reported. The evidence showed that, after battering in the back of the woman's skull while in bed, he gave himself up to the police, saying "the devil had tempted him to do it."

The new Australian mail contract has been concluded between the Postmaster-general and the Orient Steam Navigation Company. This fortnightly service will alternate with a similar service to be performed by the Peninsular and Oriental Company, the two companies making a regular weekly service both ways. The payment will be £50,000 per annum to each of the two companies, and the contract is for seven years.

A man named Robert Carter, who is charged with participating in an assault on a Merthyr policeman on Boxing Day, made his escape from custody at Penrhobach, where another passenger entered the railway carriage in which he was being conveyed. Carter, who was handcuffed on one hand only, dashed through the door of the carriage, ran round the platform, vaulted the palings, crossed the river, and escaped.

A Bristol lover, who wooed a barmaid, was induced by his lady-love to sleep in the inn, with his dog, to protect the inmates. Some one not in the secret heard him move. At once a cry of "Burglars!" awoke the echoes of the night. The lover, captured by an active officer, was locked up for the night; and in the morning the only solution possible under the circumstances—an early release and the commiseration of the fair bar-vendor.

Speaking at Hastings, Mr. Goschen dealt in detail with personal allegations made by Mr. Gladstone respecting him at Dover, saying he dwelt on the personal question because many representations which were not disavowed were calculated to damage one's capacity for usefulness. He deprecated the growing tendency on the part of certain members of Parliament to invade the province of the bench, and characterised it as a grave scandal that the House of Commons should be a Ministerial question, adding that but for the personal confession a formidable attack would have been made on the Ministry. He hoped the coming session would afford time for English

legislation, and that Parliament would regain its old position.

The obsolete and worn-out armoured battleships Lord Warden and Repulse are to be sold out of the service at Portsmouth.

Governor Larrabee, of Iowa, reports that eighty-two out of the ninety counties in that State have no drink saloons.

A professional pall-bearer is the latest development of Philadelphia commercial activity. He averages two funerals a day.

The City Commission of Sewers have decided to make a consolidated rate of 2s. 1d. in the pound, of which 9d. in the pound was for School Board purposes.

The President of the Board of Trade informed a deputation that his Railway and Canal Traffic Bill would be reintroduced in the coming session in practically the same form as last year.

At the Guildhall Police Court, George Arney Gray, a stockbroker, has been committed for trial on the charge of having attempted to defraud Mr. Christian Alhulsen of £470.

Under the presidency of the Lord Mayor a meeting was held at the Mansion House on Wednesday, in furtherance of the International Exhibition which is to be opened at Brussels in May, under the patronage of the King of the Belgians.

In the Queen's Bench this week, a cab proprietor, named Bartlett, recovered from the Earl of Shrewsbury £38 10s. damages for injuries to a cab and horse by collision with a cab belonging to the defendant.

Captain Penn, of the steamer York City, was presented with a gold chronometer and £50 by the owners of the City of Montreal, whose crew and passengers he rescued when she was burned in the Atlantic.

The receipts on account of revenue from the 1st of April to January 21st were £65,937,316, against £65,788,551, in the previous corresponding period; while the net expenditure was £70,217,184, against £72,838,048.

Richard Eldon, proprietor of a public-house in Southwark, was summoned to the police court of the district on Wednesday by the Excise authorities for selling beer diluted with 14 per cent. of water. He pleaded guilty, and was fined £30.

A railway is to be constructed by the Government of Dutch India, mainly for the purpose of working the Sumatra coal mines. The coal is said to be of a superior quality, and the quantity contained in the coalfields is estimated at 200,000,000 tons.

According to reports from Cuba a serious condition of affairs exists at Havana and Matanzas, where the inhabitants are terrorised by outlaws, and have demanded protection from the Captain-general. Business there is partially paralysed.

At the Brighton Railway Company's meeting on Wednesday Mr. Laing said the South-Eastern Company's resolution to submit the proposals for a truce to a committee of shareholders could not be accepted, and there was an end of the negotiations.

A bill has been submitted to the Federal Council authorising the conclusion of a loan for carrying out the new German Military Organisation Bill. The amount of the loan has not been officially made public, but it is stated to be about 250,000,000 marks.

In consequence of the depression in the Staffordshire earthenware trade, it has been determined by the china and earthenware manufacturers of the Potteries to form an association to raise and maintain a higher and more remunerative level of prices.

In the Bankruptcy Court on Wednesday, Mr. Registrar Gifford, refused an application by Lord Colin Campbell for a certificate to relieve him of the disability of holding certain appointments, the registrar remarking that it could not be said the bankruptcy had been brought about purely by misfortune.

It was reported to the Gloucester board of guardians on Tuesday that 340 persons in two districts of the city had refused to have their children vaccinated, and the officers asked for instructions. The board thereupon decided, by eighteen votes to eight, that none of the defaulters should be prosecuted.

The Russian Government contemplates establishing a tax of 3 per cent. on the net profits of those railway companies which do not enjoy by statute absolute immunity from taxation. A tax will also be imposed on the additional dividends of railways the revenues of which are guaranteed by the State.

Large sums have been subscribed for the relief of distress in Depford and Greenwich, and, in consequence of the re-opening of works which had long been closed and the starting of extensive public undertakings in various parts of the district, the condition and prospects of the working classes are greatly improved.

Louis de Monti, a Frenchman, was at the Bow-street Police Court committed for trial on the charge of having burglariously entered a house in Red Lion-square. The prisoner and another man were found in the house at about midnight, an entry having been effected through a window in the basement. The prisoner's companion escaped. Nothing had been stolen from the house.

On the invitation of Mr. Keovil, of Regent-street, a meeting of ratepayers was held at St. James's Hall on Tuesday, when resolutions were unanimously adopted declaring that the Metropolitan Board of Works had forfeited all confidence, and demanding a Parliamentary inquiry into the charges recently brought against that body.

A lottery, refused for the Panama Canal, is now solicited for the Paris International Exhibition, in order to pay the travelling and other expenses of poor inventors and artisan visitors, and to purchase certain articles. The lottery held for the last Paris Exhibition produced £2,000,000. Mr. Berger thinks that £2,000,000 might now be raised.

On Thursday morning an inmate of Lone Island Poorhouse, North Uist, Hebrides, made a murderous attack on the governor with a large sheath knife. The governor escaped with a stab on the lip, but the man attacked the governor's wife with a spade, knocked her down, and stabbed her in the side. The assailant escaped in a boat, but was followed and captured.

The leading inhabitants of Chelsea are making considerable efforts to persuade the directors of the Great Western Railway Company to establish a new railway station at the western end of Chelsea, for Kensal Green. An influential local committee has had an interview with the directors, and Sir Daniel Gooch has promised to give the requisition careful consideration.

As Mr. Balfour was being driven in his carriage along the Northern Quay, Dublin, on Thursday, the horse fell. The Chief Secretary's carriage was being followed very closely by a car, on which were seated two detectives, and before this vehicle could be stopped the shafts passed through the back portion of Mr. Balfour's carriage. Mr. Balfour escaped unhurt.

A remarkable decrease of population at Hackney is shown in a statistical return submitted by Mr. J. Fyle Stewart, as chairman of a Liberal association meeting in Central Hackney. In the Hackney Ward the population now numbers 24,220 against 27,150 a year ago, or a decrease of 2,930; in the Dalston Ward the population is 17,429 against 19,554, being a slight decrease of 129; while the present population being 11,450 against 11,340 a year ago.

Mr. Matthews, the Home Secretary, addressed his constituents in Birmingham on Tuesday evening. He said the Union between Great Britain and Ireland was safer now than when he last met his constituents, and the alliance between the Conservatives and Liberal Unionists was closer and stronger than ever. In respect to the Government programme for the ensuing session, he enumerated the Railway Rates Bill, a reform of the Employers' Liability Act, and of the Limited Liability Acts, local government, the

relief of local taxation, and a measure to provide technical education.

The small-pox at Leeds is still exciting the anxiety of the authorities.

The diadem worn by the Baroness de Rothschild at the recent Court ball at Vienna is said to have been worth more than two million francs.

A New York telegram reports that Simon Beaser White has been acquitted on his trial for killing Billy Dempsey in a prize fight.

A workmen's industrial exhibition is to be opened at the People's Palace, Mile End, on May 18th.

A Mandalay telegram states that Colonel Little, who was recently wounded by his servant, is now in a fair way to recovery, and that the Mying column has captured the notorious dacoit Yakut.

A marriage feast at a local inn at Rumney, South Wales, was tragically interrupted by the sudden death of one of the guests—a local miller named Walkley.

A pike whale, measuring 28ft. long, 16ft. at the girth, and 7ft. 9in. at the spread of the tail, has been caught at the Scottish marine station at Granton.

In honour of the anniversary of the wedding of the German Crown Prince and Princess, festivities took place at San Remo on Wednesday. The Crown Prince continued to visit.

A Royal decree has been published at Brussels for the appointment of a commission to inquire into the condition of the Belgian fisheries in the North Sea.

At Brighton a drill and fencing-master, named Thomas Patching, committed suicide by placing the muzzle of a loaded gun in his mouth and pulling the trigger with his foot.

The commander-in-chief has sanctioned the formation of a company of Volunteer mounted infantry from the 1st Manchester Rifles, the horses and equipment to be provided by the Volunteers.

During Wednesday night and on Thursday a strong north-west gale prevailed in London, which appears to have been general all over England. Several casualties, but none of a serious character, are reported.

At Crews, Arthur Wade, 16, described as a painter, was committed for trial at the assizes on the charge of breaking into the shop of a pawnbroker in that town and stealing watches, chains, and other articles of the total value of £100.

The return issued this week shows that the number of paupers in London on a given day was 108,329, as compared with 103,971 on the corresponding day of last year, 98,039 in 1886, and 96,003 in 1885.

Four men were charged at Castlebar with placing two large stones and an iron post on the Midland Great Western Railway of Ireland, between Manulla and Foxford, about a fortnight ago, and were remanded.

James Hyde, a resident of Eastbourne, who had mysteriously disappeared from that town on December 13th last, has just been found dead in the local tidal river. The deceased was fully dressed, and the cause of death is a mystery.

Mr. George Gilbert Scott, architect, son of the late Sir Gilbert Scott, was apprehended in Yarmouth on Tuesday night as a wandering lunatic, and when brought before a magistrate, an order was made for his removal to St. Andrew's Hospital, Northampton.

The most prominent figure in the society of Hackney, N.E., was ex-Mayor Cramer. He is now a defaulter, and it turns out that he was engaged to three women of the borough, and to not fewer than twelve in the county, all of whom were swindled out of their money.

Boss seem to be worn at all the functions of Parisian society. Ladies appear at the opera in a box thrown round the shoulders; at receptions the lady of the house—complaining that she has a cold—wears a box; and the box has been even seen at dinner parties.

The fourteen-year-old son of Mr. George Davis, of the Salt House, near Leamington, persuaded a man named Bevan to let him have a shot with his gun. By some means or other the gun went off in his hands, completely blowing away his brother George's skull.

President Buchanan's old love has just died at St. Paul. When young she broke off her engagement to Mr. Buchanan, and instead became Mrs. Bovee, the wife of a worthless man. Mr. Buchanan remained a bachelor, and became President of America.

The second fatality of the week at the Glasgow Exhibition buildings occurred on Wednesday. Robert Paterson, aged 50, being killed through falling from a scaffold 30ft. high. This is the third fatal accident to workmen employed erecting the huge structure.

The drought in the West Riding is beginning to create grave apprehensions, particularly in the principal manufacturing centres, where many of the largest reservoirs contain a less quantity of water at present than at any period since their construction.

The vicar of Henfield, in Sussex, has, in consideration of the depression of the hop-growing industry, surrendered the whole of the extraordinary tithe, rendering unnecessary any inquiry by the Local Commissioners under the Tithe Redemption Act of 1886.

In the case of Whitting v. Ivory, tried in the Queen's Bench Division on Wednesday, without a jury, Mr. Justice Denman awarded the plaintiff, a boy of 10 years old, £250 damages for serious injuries to his head from a piece of timber, which was being hoisted up by defendant's men, falling on plaintiff and fracturing his skull.

The trustees of Bolton Infirmary have received £2,500 from the executors under the will of the late Miss Alice Lowe, of South Shore, Blackpool, but formerly of Rivington, near Bolton, who also bequeathed to the Bolton Infirmary the residue of her estate, amounting to £43,500, which is payable on the death of a person aged 45.

At a meeting of the Waterloo Monument Committee, in Brussels, Lord Vivian, the chairman, stated that the Duke of Cambridge has requested a number of noblemen and gentlemen to serve on a committee for the United Kingdom, in order to further the objects of the committee formed in this country. The Duke of Wellington has accepted the chairmanship of the new committee.

Lord Northbrook, addressing a conference of Liberal Unionists at Worcester, said the measures which the Government would propose next session were what the Liberal party had already approved; and he saw no reason why measures which the country required should not be passed in future without the amount of party spirit which had been witnessed in the past.

Lord Brassey addressed a meeting of the London Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday on the defence of the colonies and our coaling stations. Having recently visited these places, the noble lord stated in what condition he found each of them in regard to its defence. The Duke of Cambridge urged the necessity of promoting the defence of the empire if we would preserve the mercantile marine free from danger and alarm.

In opening a new Conservative club for working men in Birmingham on Wednesday, the Home Secretary expressed his disbelief in the statement of indifference of the committee to the indulgence of intemperance, and protested against meddling interference with the working men's pleasure. He hoped the club would educate its members to know what real Conservatism is—a knowledge in which Birmingham was now deficient.

Lord G. Hamilton, addressing a meeting of his constituents at Acton on Wednesday night, expressed regret at the resignation of Lord C. Harcourt. Whilst refraining from anticipating the explanation which Lord Charles intended to make to his constituents on Thursday, Lord G. Hamilton stated that the resignation of Lord Harcourt was not a matter of party, but a matter of principle, and was unanimously approved by the Board of Administration last September.

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